

# The Catholic Communities of St. Joseph's St. Patrick's & St. Paul's

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### Parish Priest

Pending...

### St. Joseph's Church

2730 Ohio East Rd., PO Box 1022,  
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#### Mass Times:

**Saturday 4:00 pm**

Parish Council Chairperson:

Jerome Grant: (902) 867-1160

[jerome.grant@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:jerome.grant@ns.sympatico.ca)

Website:

[www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org)

### St. Patrick's Church

590 Highway 7, Lochaber, NS B2G 2L3  
Phone: (902) 783-2631

#### Mass Times:

**Sunday 10:00 am**

Parish Council Chairperson:

Carol Young: (902) 867-6367

[youngcarip@gmail.com](mailto:youngcarip@gmail.com)

### St. Paul's Church

8033 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

#### Mass Time:

**Sunday 11:30 am**

Parish Council Chairperson:

Rennie Beaver: (902) 833-2341

[aubrey.carol@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:aubrey.carol@ns.sympatico.ca)



## First Sunday of Lent

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

🙏 **Prayer Requests** 🙏

**Father God**

**We lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies, calm their fears, and let them experience the healing power of your Love.**

**In Jesus' name. Amen**

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## St. Joseph's Church

### Revised Covid -19 Protocols

St. Joseph's Parish Council has made some changes to it's Covid-19 precautions. We continue to support the wearing of masks and sanitization of hands. **Please see Page 5.**

**Please be kind and considerate** of our many elderly and vulnerable parishioners, and stay home if you are coughing or sneezing, or have any other symptoms of Covid-19.

### Lector for Mass

**Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>** - 4:00 pm - Carl MacDonald

### Collections for February 18<sup>th</sup>

Regular \$825 (22); Fuel Fund \$40 (2); Loose \$20

### Special Collection for Lent

Consistent with our past thoughtful practices, we are initiating a special collection for Lent for those who wish to make a donation to a local charity. This year, Parish Council recommends two organizations in need of funds:

#### **Antigonish Food Bank**

#### **Cathy's Place - Cancer resources**

Please place your donation in an envelope, with your name, envelope #, and the charity of your choice, and place it in the regular collection at Mass. In this regard, special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for your convenience. The amount of your donation will be included in your total donations for the year 2023 Income Tax Receipt.

## Website

The bulletin, scripture readings, homily, and resources for prayer and reflection, are available each week on our website by **Friday** evening.

Go to: [www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org)

## Bulletin Submissions

Please send to Jean Collins at [jpcollins@eastlink.ca](mailto:jpcollins@eastlink.ca) or call **902-863-2482** before **Thursday**.

**Bulletins are available once again at the entrance to the Church. Please let me know if you would also like to receive a copy of the bulletin each week via email.**

## Parish Priest

**Fr. O'Neal will be with us** until the weekend of February 25/26, at which point a relieving priest (Fr. Tom Stephan) will be made available to the 3 parishes to take over from Fr. O'Neal, pending the arrival of a permanent priest.

Fr. Stephan will accompany Father O'Neal at his final masses on February 25/26, and will be with us for at least the month of March.



*Thank you Fr. O'Neal and Fr. Stephan for coming to celebrate mass with us.*

*Welcome Fr. Stephan!*

*Please join us in expressing our appreciation for Fr. O'Neil for his generous guidance and faithful service over these past months.*

*We were very fortunate to have you here, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.*



## Lenten Reflections

### Development & Peace - Share Lent Campaign

**Create Hope — Stand For the Land — 2023  
begins Ash Wednesday and ends on  
Solidarity Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

To learn more and support our mission, call us toll free  
at **1-888-234-8533** or visit our website:

[https://www2.devp.org/en/civcrm/contribute/transact?  
reset=1&id=4](https://www2.devp.org/en/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=4)

### “What Should I Give Up for Lent?”

[https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2023/02/16/  
what-lent-give-244706](https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2023/02/16/what-lent-give-244706)

### Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

#### Journey Through Lent

This video series includes reflections on the readings on  
Ash Wednesday and each Sunday in Lent.

Bishop Brian Dunn will provide reflections in English, and  
Cardinal Gérard Cyprien Lacroix in French.

[https://cccb.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?  
u=60a646aaa3adcf048918aeebd&id=8f9e25b178&e=622  
4a14c1a](https://cccb.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=60a646aaa3adcf048918aeebd&id=8f9e25b178&e=6224a14c1a)

## Community Events

### Sausage and Pancake Breakfast

Antigonish Lions Club, Highland Drive Extension

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 12 noon**

Donations at door go to assist with community needs.

### Grief Group For Survivors Of Suicide

When someone dies by suicide, grief is complicated. There  
are unique struggles and questions.

This is normal... and you're not alone.

These facilitated meetings are open for anyone who has  
lost someone to suicide.

**Dates: Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Apr 26<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, from  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Paul's Anglican Church**

Call **(902) 863-5089** or email  
[rector3harbours@gmail.com](mailto:rector3harbours@gmail.com) for more information.

## Diocese of Antigonish

### A Message From Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Most current Public Health restrictions and mandates have  
ended, but this does not mean that the pandemic has ended. It  
will be important to use personal public health measures, both  
individually and collectively, to help keep each other safe,  
especially those who are at risk of severe disease due to age  
and/or underlying health issues.

**Masking and social distancing** are no longer required.  
However, we still encourage masking and social distancing in  
our churches. We need time to make the adjustment to the  
“new-normal” as we learn to live with COVID.

**Those who may not be able** to attend church for health  
reasons or due to other COVID-19 restrictions are dispensed  
from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

### Online Masses

#### Weekly Mass - Livestream (Video)

From St. Ninian's Cathedral

**Every Sunday - 10:30 am**

**On our website:** <https://www.saintninian.ca>

**On our Facebook page:** [https://www.facebook.com/  
stninian.cathedral/](https://www.facebook.com/stninian.cathedral/)

#### Mass for Shut-Ins

Mass for Shut-Ins is aired on **Sundays at 11:30 am** on CTV,  
or it can be viewed on demand on our Diocese of Antigonish  
YouTube channel.

#### Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHDh8KJ71w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHDh8KJ71w)

#### Churches Online

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/churches-online/>

#### Daily TV Mass:

from the National Catholic Broadcasting Council  
<https://dailytvmass.com/>

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Dearest Jesus, I believe that You are present in the  
most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I  
desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You  
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I  
embrace You as if You were already there and unite  
myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated  
from you. Amen.**

## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

**Effective March 21<sup>st</sup>** the mandate for Covid-19 regulations was lifted by the Provincial Dept. of Health.

**This is news that many people** will be glad to hear; however, there are many others who may be nervous about it.

**In an effort to continue to control** the spread of the Covid-19 virus we offer the following recommendations for weekly Mass attendance for your consideration. We do recognize these recommendations are optional, and the final choice is yours as to whether you accept or reject any or all of them.

....continue to wear Face masks

....continue to sanitize hands at the church entrance and before receiving communion

....continue to maintain social distancing for procession to and from receipt of communion

**Hand sanitizing stations** are available at the entrance to the church, and in the center isle for use before receiving communion. Extra bottles of sanitizer are also available at the back of the church for those who prefer to use them.

**In summary**, we are simply giving parishioners an opportunity and hopefully a comfort level to help you feel safe attending Mass, and at the same time attempt to control/prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

